

Domenici reception. Later, he traveled to Bellevue, WA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Bernie Krane. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with Scott Kellogg, deputy director, Rio Rancho Police Department, NM, to express his condolences for the death of Rio Rancho Police Officer Germaine Casey, who was killed in a motorcycle accident while protecting the President's motorcade.

Later in the afternoon, while en route to the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, the President had a telephone conversation with Lisa Casey, wife of police officer Germaine Casey, to express his condolences for the death of her husband.

In the evening, the President traveled to Reno, NV, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Cathy Levine.

The President declared a major disaster in Ohio and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, and tornadoes beginning on August 20 and continuing.

August 28

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with family members of military personnel killed in the war on terror.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to New Orleans, LA, where, upon arrival in the evening, he was joined by Mrs. Bush. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with President-elect Abdullah Gul of Turkey to congratulate him on his election victory.

Later in the evening, the President met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Allison Stouse.

August 29

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Charter School for Science and Technology, he and Mrs. Bush participated in a meeting with Louisiana education officials. They then participated in a moment of silence to honor the second anniversary of Hurricane Katrina.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Bay St. Louis, MS, arriving in the afternoon.

Later in the afternoon, at Our Lady of the Gulf Parish Community Center, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a briefing on Mississippi rebuilding efforts. Later, they returned to Washington, DC.

The President declared a major disaster in Nebraska and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding from June 11–16.

August 30

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Jose Socrates of Portugal to the White House on September 17 in his dual roles as Prime Minister and President of the European Council.

The President declared a major disaster in Illinois and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding from August 7–8.

August 31

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President declared a major disaster in New York and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the areas struck by severe storms, flooding, and tornadoes on August 8.

The President declared a major disaster in Oklahoma and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, and tornadoes from May 24–June 1.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released August 26

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Wisconsin

Released August 27

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Scott M. Stanzel

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Ohio

Released August 28

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Scott M. Stanzel and Gulf Coast Region Recovery and Rebuilding Coordinator Donald E. Powell

Fact sheet: Making America Safer by Defeating Extremists in the Middle East

Released August 29

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Nebraska

Fact sheet: The Two-Year Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina

Released August 30

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Transcript of a press briefing by National Security Council Senior Director for Asian Affairs Dennis Wilder and Deputy National Security Adviser for International Economic Affairs Dan Price on the President's trip to Australia and the APEC summit

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit of Portuguese Prime Minister Jose Socrates

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Illinois

Released August 31

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to New York

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Oklahoma

Fact sheet: New Steps To Help Homeowners Avoid Foreclosure

Acts Approved by the President

NOTE: No acts approved by the President were received by the Office of the Federal Register during the period covered by this issue.